

12 --[0003] In prior art dashboards, upper parts can be attached to components and front cross members only while windshields, which attach to the upper parts, have not yet been mounted. Once a windshield has been mounted, an upper part of a prior art dashboard can be disassembled only with considerable effort, if the windshield is not disassembled along with it. Therefore, any repairs to this upper part and components covered by the upper part require considerable assembly work.--

13 --[0005] This object is achieved by providing cover and housing upper parts with fastening structure and recesses which are positioned toward the top corner relative to the interior of the motor vehicle and which can be fitted together in this direction.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 16, 17, 19, and 20 as follows:

16. (Three times amended) A passenger motor vehicle comprising:

a vehicle windshield,

a crossmember on which the vehicle windshield is mounted,

and

a vehicle dashboard assembly disposed behind the windshield in front of a vehicle passenger space,

said dashboard assembly including a housing part, fastening structure formed by arms disposed above the housing part and at least one peripheral leg, and a cover part having

slotted recesses therein for receiving the arms and the at least one leg when the cover part is installed in the vehicle, wherein the arms, the at least one leg, and the recesses are inclined toward the vehicle passenger space, and wherein the housing part is mounted to the vehicle body and the cover part is thereafter detachably fixed to the housing part.

17. (Twice amended) The passenger motor vehicle according to claim 16, wherein the housing part is an upper part of a housing of a heating and/or air conditioning system, and wherein said arms are directed toward vehicle sides and, together with the cover part, form at least one air channel when the cover part is installed in the vehicle.

19. (Three times amended) A method of making a passenger motor vehicle comprising:

mounting a vehicle windshield in a final position on a vehicle body,

mounting a housing part and fastening structure, formed by arms disposed above the housing part adjacent the vehicle windshield and at least one peripheral leg, at a side of a vehicle passenger space facing the windshield, and

subsequently detachably connecting a cover part of a vehicle dashboard to the arms and the at least one leg,

wherein the cover part is provided with slotted recesses therein for receiving the arms and the at least one leg when the cover part is installed in the vehicle, and

wherein the arms, the at least one leg, and the recesses are inclined toward the vehicle passenger space.

20. (Twice amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the housing part is an upper part of a housing of a heating and/or air conditioning system, and wherein said arms are directed toward vehicle sides and, together with the cover part, form at least one air channel when the cover part is installed in the vehicle.

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